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STATEMENT ON TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME UNION

If approved, agreement will fully fund positions in 2007

Milwaukee, WI – Late Tuesday night, Milwaukee County reached a tentative agreement with AFSCME District Council 48, affecting 3,650 union employees in Milwaukee County.

“Negotiations like this require compromise. This was a situation that involved give-and-take on both sides,” County Board Chairman Lee Holloway said. “I’m pleased we’re working with the union to save jobs and protect services.”

If approved by the union and the County, the agreement would be effective through the end of 2008, and retroactive to January 1, 2005. Potentially, the County Board could vote on the tentative agreement at its next regular meeting on February 1, 2007.

“Although I wish we could’ve reached this point sooner, I’m hopeful we can start 2007 on a positive note and move the County forward,” said County Supervisor Jim “Luigi” Schmitt, Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Approximately 120 facility maintenance and security positions that would have been laid-off would instead be retained in 2007 if the tentative agreement is approved.

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